

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Scott Paisley from Calvary Baptist Church and go on to the Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Harris and Junior High School Students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MICHELLE CREASY:

My husband and I own and run Catch a Farm's Rescue. We are a licensed rescue and we have been rescuing horses for several years. A year ago, we started a non for profit program called the Youth connect program. The program connects at risk youth with horses to teach things like respect, responsibility, compassion, trust, patience and empathy. Self-esteem and self-worth are also increased when interacting with horses. Our program teaches positive actions equal positive results and negative actions equal negative results. At risk youth has a very broad definition. It can include youth from single family households, low income households, youth in the foster care system, a parent incarcerated. They may come from high crime neighborhoods, suffer from emotional issues, come from an addiction household and so many more. We started the program for several reasons. One being we saw the difference horses made in the lives of children. There are certain skills you must learn with a life of horses such as respect, patience, trust yourself and the horse. When you can get a horse to do what you ask out if respect for you, it changes the way you think and interact. Once you learn the tools to positively interact with a horse it's very easy to utilize those tools in everyday real life circumstance. When the youth learn to value themselves, learn their worth and see themselves achieving they start to have a more positive mindset and change their way of thinking. My husband was raised in a foster care system and witnessed some similar situations that some of the youth in our program have experienced. He can relate to what the youth are going through. The youth can become more than their circumstances and their environment. Another reason we started this program is because of the

response in the local communities to provide safe programs for the youth. We listened to the community leaders, elected officials and community members stating the greatest need for local youth. The youth of today do not know how to control their emotions, respectfully communicate with others and they lack proper conflict resolution skills. Our programs offers the tools to help with these things. We also offer a safe environment away from negative influences. The youth can leave all their worries at the gate and just express themselves, bond with the horses and learn valuable life lessons to become positive productive members of the community. We believe in the worth of our youth and want to have a positive role in their success...We are a 100 percent donation-based program and we do not charge the youth to participate. Are goal is to work with youth, school district and local organizations & agencies and possibly the juvenile probation. Parents feel as if this program is amazing. I have brought more in depth information about the program and my contact information if anyone has any questions. Thank you for your time.

TIM NEHLS:

I live at 235 East 2740 South Road in the Chryslin Subdivision and I am here for a follow up with the drainage issue going on there. Thanks.

MIKE MCGRATH:

Mr. Nehls, we set up a meeting for this Friday morning with the City Engineer and City Staff. I will reach out to you and let you know what we discuss and what the plan will be.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
ABSENT: Malone Marshall
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for Monday, December, 16th 2019 will be provided at the next meeting. Moving on to Petitions; that should be under New Business. We will move that and make that Item G under New Business. Moving on to Item 8A Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Presentation by the Kankakee Police Department
Recognizing Michael Coash on his promotion to Sargent.

CHIEF KOSMAN: Mike Coash is a ten year veteran in our department. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree from Governor's State University. The last three years he has been assigned as a Special Agent with the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group-Street Suppression Unit. He is a Member of the Departments Technical Response Team, Illinois Alarm System Mobile Enforcement Team. He also serves as an Armed Guard for the Department. Before accepting the KAMEG assignment, he was a Field Training Officer and... Bike Officer. During his career in the department he has performed exemplary service and has gained well rounded experience that has served him...as Sargent.

MICHAEL COASH: I have some people that I want to recognize tonight. First and foremost I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for with Him all things are possible. Secondly, I want to thank my beautiful wife Katie. She has been my rock and steadfast support during all the up and downs a Law Enforcement Career may endure. Thank you to my three boys: Jack, Mike and Colt... You three have definitely taught me the definition of the words patient which in no doubt ... Thank you to my Mom & Dad that taught me hard work and dedication. It still echoes in my head when my Dad told me, even if you don't eat tonight always make sure you pay your bills. I would like to thank my brother Brian who is a 28-year Veteran Officer serving two agencies. Brian introduced me to Law Enforcement and he has been the one person I could always turn to for advice and guidance. Thank you to my fellow Officers whom I have served with my tenure with KAMEG... and Lieutenant Chris Kidwell. Under your leadership, I have learned that it is not all about drugs and guns that you

seized, nor the arrest you make and not about how others perceive you. It is about the quality of work that you do and the honesty & integrity in which you do it. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank the Aldermen and Alderwomen who supported me during this process especially Alderman Larry Osenga and Alderman Dave Crawford. Your support is something I can never repay nor will I ever forget. I stand before you tonight humbled by the trust and responsibility the City has bestowed upon me. I do not take lightly the gravity of the position that I now hold. The supervision of Law Enforcement Officers is like...on earth. It is not easy and the work is now more than ever filled with great challenges. A true leader however, knows what's expected. The traits of a good leader include: integrity, courage, vision, loyalty, reliability, truthfulness, knowledge of the profession, patience, fairness, and trust just to name a few. President Calvin...once said, no one is compelled to chose the profession of a Police Officer but having chosen it, everyone is oblige to live up to the standard of its requirements. I believe this statement rings true in this day and age in which we now live. Now more than ever, officers are approached with threats and evil of all forms. Officers are being targeted every day. Not because of race or religion but simply because of the uniform that they wear. Never before in history has the police profession ...hostility while some of us has been warranted the...receives is quite simply unjust. I know because I see this first hand every day. Thousands of acts of kindness & courage are overshadowed by the acts of the few that...the badge. Be that as it may, good triumphs over evil and love conquers hate. In closing, I will leave all of you with one of my favorite verses in the Bible that I believe is synonymous with police work. Isaiah 6:8, And I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here am. Send me". Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 8B.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

First I would like to thank Sargent Coash for a nice speech Thank you. It's my pleasure today to also announce our newest Officer Demetrius Williams. He was hired back on June 17th as a COS Officer with the department. Then he was hired as a Police Officer on September 4th. He has a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Olivet Nazarene University. Prior to joining our Police Department he

worked as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional at the Camelot...School and also as a Mental Health Professional at the Indian Oaks Academy. In the previous 5 years, Officer Williams was a Fire Fighter EMT at the Bourbonnais Fire District. Officer Williams successfully completed the basic training course for local Law Enforcement at the State....and he is now in our field training program. With his training and experience in working with the youth and the strong work ethic he has already shown we expect him to quickly transition into being...oriented with our police department. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 8C. I met with this group a month ago and they expressed some concerns about some of the things they were seeing in the community so we invited them to come in tonight to speak at City Council.

ITEM 8C: Presentation by Cynthia Harris' Kankakee Junior High School, International Baccalaureate Art Class.

MRS. CYNTHIA HARRIS: Thank you for this learning opportunity. International Baccalaureate is a new program that the Junior High has in place for our 7th and 8th graders. It is a community project and I have three students here that would like to present their project to you.

STUDENTS: It's a pleasure to be here. The IB Program is basically students speaking up for the community. We came up with a concern which is suicide prevention. This is one of our biggest concerns along with kids and depression. Our plan originally was to place a phone on the bridge. We had a meeting with the Mayor and we realized we would try another plan and that is to decorate the bridge and make quotes on the bridge to encourage the youth. We created quotes to put on the bridge like these... You are not alone. If you are looking for a sign not to end it all, this is it. Your story isn't over yet. Your life have hope happiness comes in waves it will find you. You are enough. You have the power to say, this is not how my story will end. This is when the caterpillar thought the world is over because it is now a butterfly. We are planning to decorate the bridge, paint it and put meaningful quotes on it. We came up with the art on the bridge because we all really love art and we feel like art is an express our emotions and we feel like to help the kids. Another quote is never let a stumble in the road be the end of your journey. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I want to thank you all for coming in tonight and being so thoughtful about the issue of suicide in our community. I will be talking with City Council Members and our Department Heads to see what they think would be reasonable in terms of working together with your group then we will follow up with you. Thank you, Mrs. Harris for your leadership as well. Moving onto Item 8D

ITEM 8D: Merchant Street Art Gallery Artist of Autism is requesting Street Closure to host “Rockin” Around the Spectrum-Kankakee’s Premier Sock Hop & Antique Car Show” on Saturday, May 16th, 2020, from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve?

ALD GALL: So move.

ALD O’BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Any discussion? All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A: Economic Development– Alderman Tetter
The meeting was held on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Highlights include: We had a presentation regarding a housing project...PNC Bank on Court Street. There are still active conversations about that and there are some logistics that have to be worked out. The site plan was proposed for the Dollar General on West Jeffery that project is moving along. Barbi Brewer-Watson provided the Directors report and a PPT information on the following... unemployment rates, updates on the river front development, new development on exit 308 and several Multi-Family developers interested in developing in the city. Hoffman provided a timeline for the East Court TIF. I made a request to take a look at residency for City Employees and we are preparing to send to legal for guidance.

ITEM 9B: Community Development – Alderwoman Swanson
The meeting was held on Monday, November 4th, 19.
Highlights include: Barbi Brewer-Watson provided the Directors report updating us on grants. There were two Home Buyer Assistance program closings for the month. No action items at the meeting.

ITEM 9C: Building & Code – Alderwoman Lewis
The meeting was held on Thursday, November 21st, 2019.
Highlights include: We reviewed the minutes and the bills for the month and approved. The bills for the month totaled \$5375.82. We discussed various items we would like to present in the new year.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 10A Reports of Officers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$488,035.97.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (*abstain on check#75871*), Gall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(11) Ayes (2) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 11A Unfinished Business we have none. Moving on to Item 12 New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled “Handicapped Parking” of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Sign(s) Established at 1296 South Seventh Avenue
(1st & 2nd Reading).

ITEM 12B: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 172 Entitled “No Parking Zones on Streets and Alleys Designated” of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois RE: on the West Side of South Curtis Avenue from the North Right-of-Way Jeffery Street North for 210 Feet.
(1st & 2nd Reading).

NEIL PIGGUSH: Alderwoman Swanson brought this up to me about a month ago and Alderman Faford brought this up again. The parking...there are two entrances coming off that parcel that are fairly close together and appears that people are parking there obstructing the view of people turning on Curtis and there has been a couple accidents. The property owners requested a no parking zone for safety of people leaving his establishment. We are basically approving a no parking zone on the East side of his property on Curtis.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 12 A&B. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinances?

ALD SWANSON: I will make that motion

ALD FAFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O’Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD SWANSON: I will make that motion

ALD FAFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O’Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C.

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Section 4-13 of the City of Kankakee, by eliminating Liquor License Number 40 at the location of 150 East Station Street, Kankakee, Illinois and adding Liquor License Number 102 to the location of 150 East Station Street, Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This location is the former Papi's Pizza. There is a new business and new owner. We have consulted with the legal department on the removal of the original liquor license and establishing a new liquor license. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD GALL: So move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD GALL: I will make that motion

ALD O'BRIEN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D

ITEM 12D: Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, Section 31-144 of the City Code of the City of Kankakee to Modify the Date of the Tax Due for Gaming Terminals from February 1 to

April 30 of every year.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: To make things more seamless in my office it will be easier if everything is due at once. We are asking that the date be moved. Jasmyn will put out a press release and Linh will send out letters to business owners. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD TALL: So move

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E.

ITEM 12E: Recommendation to Accept Engineering Proposal from Piggush Engineering, Inc., in the Amount of \$8480.00 for the City of Kankakee Federal Railroad Administration Quiet Zone Establishment.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This proposal is for us to enhance safety measures at three of the crossings. Locations are Hickory, Station and Chestnut. To establish a quiet zone with the FRA submit a plan and come up with a plan...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to the recommendation?

ALD TETTER: So move Mayor.

ALD TALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. There are no appointments. We have added Item G that was transferred from Petitions (7A).

ITEM G: PB2019-9-3 Ordinance Adding Chapter 3 Section 13 to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Kankakee to Provide Regulations for Adult Use Cannabis Facilities.

MIKE HOFFMAN: The City reviewed and approved and Ordinance in December related to Adult Use-Cannabis items in terms of procedures. One of those items at Ordinance was to require the Adult Use-Cannabis a conditional use ongoing process. Tonight is truly on the zoning element. The presentation cover the types of cannabis facilities, local zoning districts-commercial-all require a Public Hearing, State of Illinois provisions including separation requirements to make sure there is appropriate buffering, dispensaries, state taxes and more. The Planning Board voted in favor of not having on sit consumption and they want to look into increasing the buffers. Loretto is here if you want to ask any further questions.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Mike for the presentation. Thank you Loretto, for giving a lot of time in looking at this issue is there anything you want to add?

LORETTO: Mike Hoffman did an excellent summary. I do not have anything to add.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I want to thank the Ordinance Board... also Alderman Tall went over this a couple times. A lot of back and forth on this. So at this time, I need a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Prude

NAYS: Faford, Crawford, Osenga
(10) Ayes (3) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD TALL: So moved

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: I don't recall...receiving the minutes from the Planning Board...are those available?

MIKE HOFFMAN: I emailed them out, I guess you didn't get them but they are available. I have them right here (*Hoffman gave Alderman O'Brien his copy of the minutes in question*)...*there were members for and against...*

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Can you send a copy to the Clerk's Office as well so they can place it on file?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Sure.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Prude

NAYS: Curtis, Faford, Crawford, Osenga
(9) Ayes (4) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Preliminary Engineering for the Reconstruction of Hobbie Avenue Between Fair Street and Court Street – Section 15-00278-00FP.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This Resolution was already passed. It did not have the word MFT specified as the funding source on the Resolution. The amount is the same. We are just passing the Ordinance with the language cleaned up in it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD TETTER: So move Mayor.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement Between the Kankakee Development Corporation and the City of Kankakee for Reimbursement of the Marketing and Communication Coordinator's Duties.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This is a new position at the City. I am pleased at the relationship between KDC and the City. We have been working hard to strengthen that. KDC is going to allocate \$1000.00 per month towards the salary for this position under the City and in return, that position will manage and facilitate several of the events for KDC. This had been a practice done before and I wanted to get something in writing to make sure that everybody is clear and that we don't have any issues going forward. Once approved, it will go to Brad K. who is now the President of KDC. May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD LEWIS: So move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Curtis, O'Brien
(11) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Abstentions

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. No need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD CURTIS: License & Franchise Meeting this Thursday at 5:30 P. M. Ernie Lopez of Republic and Melissa Kahoun of Aqua will be present. Alderman Prude invited Vincent Clark of to the meeting.

ALD CRAWFORD: I would like to make a recommendation. When our Auditors are here that we...we still have not approve our Audit for 2017...

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Historically, we don't approve the audit. A presentation is given.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The Auditors do the audit we don't approve it.

ALD CRAWFORD: Will we have the presentation...

ELIZABETH KUBAL: On the 21st that's the plan.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other Alderman Comments? We will move on to Department heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

KRIS SCHMITZ: We had 566 FOIA request for 2019. Last year we had 350.

CHIEF SCHULDT: We set a record for call volume last year. Our call volume is up 8 percent and 14 ½ percent since 2018. Last month our guys assessed a call of a patient who had 100 percent blockage in an artery. The patient walked out of the hospital 2 days later....

CLERK DUMAS: I just wanted to add and hopefully it will relieve some of the stress from Kris' office. Our City Council material packets are now made available on line starting this meeting so the community can access our packet. The same information you receive the community can get now.

MIKE HOFFMAN: We just had the Public Hearing for the East Court TIF and it will be coming before you at the February 4th meeting for approval.

JASMYNE HUMBLE: I just want to announce that the City of Kankakee Best Dressed Pet contest going on. We have a lot of submissions so people are really excited about it. If you know someone who would like to submit a photo they can do so on our website.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: City Council Members don't forget to check your mailboxes. We still need members to drop of cards a number of you have received 4 or 5 reminders. The State of Illinois has made adjustments to State Laws including FMLA and Harassment Training. The next month or so you will see changes to the Handbook. Vince Williams our Lobbyist will be here on the 21st we will be talking about our Legislative Agenda. I'm planning to attend the Governor's Address in February and hopefully set up some meetings with some of the departments. The Auditors will with be at Budget Committee or here at the Council Meeting on the 21st.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adjourn?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs. Seconded by Alderman Crawford. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.